COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, *the* *24th of Karkadagam 1103.*
8th of August 1928.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Messrs. A. S. Harihara Ayyar, Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. T. Mathew, V. D. Ouseph and Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Improvement of the Nemmanikkara Lane.

96. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether Trikkur Panchayat received a petition in Medam 1101 from the people of Nemmanikkara for the improvement of an existing lane which is unfit for traffic; if so, what was the reply given by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats in the matter;

(b) whether the Diwan received a petition or petitions in Medam last regarding the same and if so what action was taken on them;

(c) whether the Diwan Peishkar made any enquiries regarding this and if so what is the nature and result of the enquiry?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes. The Superintendent directed the Panchayat to make an enquiry in the matter.

(b) Yes. It is under enquiry by the Panchayat.

(c) Yes. In the course of the enquiry he found that the matter could best be attended to by the Panchayat concerned and so he forwarded the papers to the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats for further action.

Thamarachal Padam.

97. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action they have taken regarding the construction of a *chira* for the benefit of Thamarachal padam (Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 1269/D/1099);

(b) in answer to question No. 67 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1102 did the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats say that it was not possible to start the working of the *chira* then;

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(c) whether he attempted to start the work afterwards and if not why not;

(d) the names of officers who conducted the investigations regarding this *chira* and who made the final report and when and what was the report?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). Certain investigations were made, first by the Panchayat and then by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats, but no definite conclusion could be arrived at as to the suitability of the sites for a *chira* or the model for it. The matter will be taken in hand next year, if possible, by the special party for investigating irrigation schemes in the State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why a sum of Rs. 3,000 and odd was sanctioned for the *chira*? Is it not after investigation that this big amount was sanctioned for putting up the *chira*?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. As I explained in this Council some time ago during one of the last sessions, the provision for a *chira* at Pandalur was made. It was subsequently found that a *chira* higher up would be more beneficial as it would bring in a larger area of wet lands under second crop cultivation. It was explained in this Council.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who made the investigation before?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Myself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Before this amount was sanctioned, who made the investigation?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Myself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any investigation made besides that made by the Superintendent of Panchayats that is referred to in Dis. 1269 of D of 1099? What is it that is referred to in that file?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—By nobody else.

Death of Cattle.

98. **Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(a) statistics regarding death of cattle in the State during the years 1102 and 1103;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state whether its attention has been drawn to an opinion prevalent amongst the people that the veterinary treatment provided in Sirkar Hospitals was of no use to prevent the diseases that were prevalent among the cattle?

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